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NATIONALISM by Samuel B. Pettengill

The word "nationalism" is now being associated with group hate, religious hate, race hate and class hate.

What does "nationalism" mean? I turn to Webster's Unabridged. It defines nationalism as "devotion to, or advocacy of, national interests, or national unity and independence".

Then I turn to the word "patriotism". It is "devotion to the welfare of one's country; the passion inspiring one to serve one's country".

Mighty little difference, so far as I can see, between "nationalism" and "patriotism".

But the effort is under way to smear the word "nationalism". When, and if that succeeds, we can expect the word "patriotism" to be next. And after that, the word "American".

Let this go on, and the time will come when it will be "unpatriotic" to be a patriot — un-American to be an American! You will have to abandon your love for America and its institutions, and embrace, with equal joy, an amorphous mass of two and a half billion people, speaking a thousand tongues and worshipping a hundred gods.

The rules call for placing the Stars and Stripes at the highest point of the flagstaff. According to this new teaching, you will have to quit that! The oath of allegiance to this nation taken by a naturalized immigrant has a mistake in it! The correctors of the "mistake", which is America, are at work. They are bearing false witness against an honorable word. Soon the lips of school children will be hushed when they are about to utter it.

"My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing." Pipe down,

you nationalist! Hush your song!

Tear down the Statue of Liberty in the harbor of New York! Obliterate the carved figures in the Black Hills of Dakota of Washington, Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt! These men built a nation. They were nationalists! Let their names be forgotten!

I protest! No spreader of race or class hatred has any right to distort "nationalism" from its true meaning to their foul purposes. And equally so, no one who loves all countries but his own.

"I pledge allegiance to the FLAG of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands;

"One Nation, indivisible, with liberty and Justice for all."

What is wrong with that?

This nation. Was there ever another so tolerant of every faith and every race? So generous to distressed peoples of every land? That has done so much for peace, friendship, and commerce with every continent? That has poured out more blood and treasure to end wars which it did not start?

What is the subtle aim of those who would make Americans blush for their country?

Is it to cause us to abandon the control of our own affairs and surrender our sovereignty to a world government? Is it to break down the barriers to the spread of world communism?

I close with President Truman's Armistice Day words: "Only by the exercise of wisdom and restraint, and the constant determination to place the interests of our country above all other interests, can we solve the problems before us."

REP. WOOD TO SPONSOR MOVE; URGES IMPRISONMENT OF RED AGENTS; CHANGE IN CONSTITUTION PROBABLE TO THWART SUPREME COURT TOLERANCE OF TREASON; NEXT WAR TO BE BETWEEN CIVILIANS

(By Upton Close)

Representative John S. Wood, fighting Democrat who is chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, in Hollywood to institute investigation, which will continue in January, will favor removal of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from the Justice Department when the 80th Congress convenes.

It has long been known that both the FBI and the Wood Committee have been virtually helpless against the growing Red underground because the Justice Department was not inclined to take legal action. Of course, if Burton K. Wheeler should soon become Attorney General, as I think he might, there would be no especial need for setting the FBI free of this department during his tenure. Wheeler knows a great deal about the danger which has grown lusty under the New Deal and would release the FBI to fight it.

Chairman Wood shares the opinion of many another member of Congress that we have no longer any alternative but to begin imprisoning Red agents. He expressed doubt that our present laws are adequate, in view of several rulings by the Supreme Court in recent years, and thinks a constitutional amendment may be necessary. Under

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present laws, as interpreted by Supreme Court decisions, it would be impossible to convict the most revolutionary agent unless caught in some overt act, such as sabotage.

Civilians May Fight Next War.

Communist leaders understand fully this paralysis — as why shouldn't they when it was their own friends who brought it about? Sabotage need not be expected in isolated instances. Communism is too well organized and too smart to scatter its fire. The Red underground is planning, through its military arm, for the next serious depression or world crisis, when Americans again can — they hope — be regimented in the manner of 1932. If Russia is ready at that time, the American Fifth Column will strike secretly and suddenly from coast to coast.

Chairman Wood did not hesitate to say he expected the next war to be fought by civilians and against civilians — unless we manage to clean out the Fifth Column in time. He foresees industrial sabotage by strikes and by planted bombs, timed to detonate at a pre-determined hour. It will be no trick to smuggle A-bombs from Soviet Russia across our borders, which are so wide open that, by Attorney General Clark's own admission, 2000 aliens are crossing daily into the United States.

The Army has a poison so powerful that an ounce will kill a million people if properly distributed. A small squad of Reds, strategically placed as employees of the New York City Water system, could conceivably introduce quantities of this poison into the city's veins and in a few hours the skyscrapers of this mightiest center of shipping, communication, finance and industry, would stand empty and silent, no more than tombstones commemorating a city too tolerant to protect itself.

Who is Guilty of Sedition?

No American wants to sacrifice one word of the Bill of Rights, which guarantees freedom of speech and freedom "peaceably to assemble."

But the distinction between freedom and the freedom to incite revolution must be understood. Webster's dictionary defines sedition as "an insurrection against constituted authority," "conduct tending to treason but without an overt act."

Any court of justice can determine whether or not a defendant is guilty of conduct tending to treason; the inno-

cent American, who simply airs a political opinion but does not promote or incite revolution, will not suffer.

Our present laws are adequate to handle the situation, but the Supreme Court has shown either a naive lack of understanding of the aims of Communism, or has itself accepted the concept of a dual loyalty. In a case about 1943 the Supreme Tribunal ruled that a refugee had not violated his allegiance to Old Glory by championing Communism. Apparently that Great Tribunal thinks the best thing for America is to become Communist, to accept allegiance to the Third International. Only by such false logic — the false logic of many of our native-born Communists — could the court close its eyes to the fact that allegiance to an outside power is "conduct tending to treason."

COMMUNISM CREEPS UP BECAUSE WE ARE TIMID

The Communist International in 1921 declared "Unions of transport workers ought to play an important part in the sabotage of capitalistic government and the eventual overthrow of so-called democratic government".

In 1917, in the fateful months while Russia was struggling toward freedom under Kerensky and a parliament (Douma) representative of all groups, Lenin and Trotsky came to St. Petersburg to engineer the revolution which overthrew the parliamentary government and established the Red dictatorship. An American newspaper correspondent met Lenin in the streets of St. Petersburg and asked, "How can you operate openly here under the eyes of the Kerensky government when everyone knows you are trying to destroy it and establish your rule?" Lenin answered:

"We have organized the transport workers, public utilities, banks, and some of the major industries. We can call a general strike whenever we wish. Kerensky knows this, and we have told him if he touches one of our men or me, an immediate general strike will follow."

The Red revolutionists had spent years in building a tightly organized position. The Kerensky government either believed it "couldn't happen there," or was powerless or too timid to deal with the menace. Thus Russia's struggle for democratic, parliamentary freedom was cut short and the Red dictatorship, which now threatens the peace of the world, was established.

LOW LEVEL OF BESTIALITY IS SHOWN BY 'COMMIES'

It is difficult for the average American to understand how thousands of humans could descend to the level of bestiality which has been reached by Godless members of the Red Army. These apemen, who, during the past year and a half, have been turned loose on the womanhood of eleven European countries to rape, rob, and murder, are the products of many years of Communist regulation of religion, education, and family life.

The following decree, published in a Russian town, illustrates this "regulation", which, the Communists tell us, is for the betterment and greater happiness of their people:

"In compliance with the decision of the Soviet Peasant, Soldiers and Workmen Deputies of the Kronstadt, the private possession of women is abolished.

"Social inequalities and legitimate marriage having been a condition in the past which served as an instrument in the hands of the bourgeoisie, thanks to which all the best species of the beautiful have been the property of the bourgeoisie, who have prevented the continuation of the human race. Such ponderous arguments have induced the organization to edit the following decrees:

"1. From March, 1918, the right to possess women having reached the age of 17 and not more than 32 is abolished.

"3. The decree does not affect women having five children.

"4. The former owners may retain the right of using their wives without waiting for their turn.

"5. In case the husbands resisting, they shall forfeit the rights given them in the last paragraph.

"6. All women from this decree are exempted from private ownership and proclaimed to be the property of the whole nation.

"14. All women proclaimed by the decree to be national property will receive from the funds an allowance of 238 rubles a month.

"15. All women who become pregnant are released from direct duties for four months before and one month after childbirth.

"16. Children born are given to an institution for training until they are 17 years old at the cost of the Public Funds.

"(Signed) Council of the City of Saratov."

BIT OF THIS & THAT

By David Goldstein, LL. D.

FRENCH ELECTIONS: The revolt of about a hundred Socialists in the British Parliament against Ernest Bevin's anti-Communist foreign policy; and the increased Communist vote in the recent French election at the expense of the Socialist vote, warrants the fear that the Socialists of Britain and of France, and in other parts of Europe, are heeding Laski's admonition that the Socialists unite with the Communists, as "their identities are more than their differences."



THE TENDENCY of many Socialists to move towards union with the Communists was seen last August at the French Socialist Congress where Leon Blum, who edges more toward the M. P. R. (Christian Democrats) than the Communists, was deprived of his leadership and the editorship of La Populaire, the Socialist daily. The last French election shows that what Francisque Gay, the senior leader of the M. P. R., said to Maurice Thorez, the Communist leader, is coming to pass:—"You and me, my friend, we shall eat the Socialist cake together. But you are wrong in thinking you'll get the bigger bite. We of the M.P.R. will get it." Evidently many French citizens have forgotten or forgiven the treasonable action of the Communists who bitterly opposed resistance of France to Germany, claiming it to be "an imperialist war," until Russia was attacked, when they became intense nationalists. Otherwise how account for the increase in the number of followers of Thorez, the military deserter, the fugitive from justice, who escaped to Moscow to avoid trial for treason, until Hitler broke with Stalin.

THOSE WHO console themselves with the fact that the Communists of France received only 28 per cent of the vote cast in the last election, are evidently unaware of the fact that the Communists had only 25 per cent of the vote in the Russian election when they revolted and overthrew the Democratic Constituent Assembly in Russia. This tactic, which may be followed in France, was in accord with "The Communist Manifesto" (the Marx-Engels Credo) that declares: "The Communists disdain to conceal

their views and aims. They openly declare that their aims can be attained only by the forcible overthrow of existing social conditions. Let the ruling classes tremble at a Communist revolution."

THE NUMBER of members elected to the French Chamber of Deputies during the recent elections was as follows:

	Oct. 1945	June 1946	Nov. 1946
Communists	148	146	186
M. R. P.	141	160	162
Socialists	134	115	108
Radical Socialists ..	35	39	63
Right Groups	62	62	85

BY LENIN:

"We must take hold of all the culture left behind by Capitalism and build Socialism out of it. We must take hold of all science, technique, all knowledge, art. Otherwise we shall not be able to build up the life of the Communist society".

HIGH SCHOOL PUPIL TELLS OF RED PROPAGANDA IN CLASSES IN NEW YORK

The following is taken from the Voice of the People, New York Daily News. This statement, from the mouth of a student in one of our public high schools, will confirm what we have said time and time again regarding the positions held by Communists in the public school system of these United States.

RAPS RED TEACHERS

Brooklyn: I am a student at James Madison High School, and if anybody asked what I learn there I would tell them Communism. Many of the teachers are Communists through and through. We were told to bring in a Communist paper for English. We were also told to write a composition on why we liked Russia and its ideas. What has this got to do with English? I appeal to you people who pay taxes so that we may get decent educations to protest this farce and stop it. There should be no teachers' pay increase until the New York school system is cleaned out of Communists.

American Student.

WHAT STOPS EISENHOWER FROM CLEANING OUT REDS IN OUR ARMED FORCES?

On November 18, in Passaic, N. J., Mrs. Helen Kozlowska, a deputy of Polish Parliament, and Mrs. Staneslawa conducted a meeting among the Polish people — a meeting which was sponsored by **The International Workers Order**.

Police were called to prevent violence.

The many Polish who protested that it was a Communist meeting were correct, for the **International Workers Order** is a powerful Communist Front. The first head of this front was Welwel Warszower (convicted of a passport fraud), alias Robert William Weiver, treasurer of the Communist Party of the United States.

In the event of war with Russia, this would be one of the most important organizations to stop industry, tie up shipping and disorganize our Army and Navy.

This organization has more than 200 thousand members and maintains schools for training members in Sabotage and revolution in more than 120 cities of the United States.

The only reason the leaders of this organization are not in the penitentiary is that our American people are so absorbed in making money they do not know that powerful men prevent the F.B.I. from going after the traitors.

These powerful men prevented the Army from going after the Reds before we entered the war—and two Chiefs of Staff were removed by F.D.R. because they insisted on cleaning up the Reds.

F.D.R. is dead, but the men who gave him his orders for 14 years still give orders in Washington today.

This organization alone, the I.W.O., has placed thousands of Communists in our Army to paralyze us when the time comes. Is Dwight D. Eisenhower asleep? If not, who prevents him from cleaning out the Reds in our American Army?

Will you secure one subscriber for your paper this week?

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Elizabeth, N. J., December 3, 1946

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ELIZABETH LODGE No. 289,
B. P. O. E.

Paynesville, Minn., Nov. 21, 1946

Dear Friends:

I received your copies of THINK WEEKLY a few days ago but have been so busy as yet I have not had time to read them thoroughly. But by just reading a few of the articles I can already see that it is a fine paper. . . .

I will distribute the extra copies and I hope that you will receive some more subscriptions from this community in the near future.

Am enclosing (in addition to subscription) an extra dollar as a little gift to help you get the paper out.

Midvale, O., Nov. 21, 1946

Dear Sirs:

I am a constant reader of THINK WEEKLY and believe in it. I am a victim of heart disease known as angina pectoris. Therefore I cannot work and can't afford to buy extra copies. But I would like to help in this and could do a lot if I had extra copies. I am willing to devote my time and efforts toward the fight against Communism. I have time that I could pass out THINK WEEKLY among the people of this community and talk with them.

Hillside, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a check for seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) to cover the cost of 150 papers of THINK WEEKLY. I would like to have the papers delivered to my home address before Tuesday, December 3, as I have a union meeting Wednesday evening and I would like to pass out the papers to the members.

Keep up your good work and I'll do my best to get more people to subscribe to your paper. May God bless the entire staff and help you to continue your good work.

LENIN'S FIGHT AGAINST RELIGION IS SUCCEEDING

Lenin's attitude toward religion can be seen most clearly in the programme of the Communist Party of Russia drawn up in March, 1919. Under the heading of "General Political Questions", section 13, we read:

"The fight against religion must not be limited nor reduced to abstract, ideological preaching. This struggle must be linked up with the concrete practical class movement; its aim must be to eliminate the social roots of religion. Why does religion retain its hold among the backward strata of the urban proletariat — among wide strata of the semi-proletariat and the masses of the peasantry? Because of the ignorance of the people! — answers the progressive bourgeois, the radical or bourgeois materialist. Hence — 'Down with religion!' 'Long live Atheism!' 'The dissemination of atheist views is our chief task!'" (p.14).

"A Marxist must place the success of the strike movement above all else, must definitely oppose the division of the workers in this struggle into atheists and Christians, must fight resolutely against such a division.

"In such circumstances the preaching of atheism is superfluous and harmful — not from the narrow-minded consideration of not frightening the backward elements, or of losing votes at elections, etc., but from the point of view of the actual progress of the class struggle, which, in the conditions of modern capitalist society, will convert Christian workers to Social-Democracy and to atheism a hundred times more effectively than any bald atheist sermons. To preach atheism at such a time, and in such circumstances, would only be playing into the hands of the church and the priests, who would desire nothing more than to have the workers participating in the strike movement divided in accordance with their religious beliefs."

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